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TROUBLES OF THE STOCKMEN NARRATED

NEVADA AND ADJOINING STATES HAVE OTHER WORRIES THAN RABIES

Within the national forests of district 4, embracing Utah, Nevada, Southern Idaho and Southwestern Wyoming, a large majority of all the livestock raised in this territory is grazing during the summer season.

During the season of 1915, on the ranges of these forests, 40,000 sheep, 460 cattle and 14 horses were killed by predatory animals, among which the coyote is the chief offender. Late last season the U. S. Biological Survey, in co-operation with the forest service, inaugurated a vigorous campaign of extermination against the coyote and his co-workers, within and adjacent to the forests. The regular force of forest rangers, who are able to devote a little time to predatory animal extermination, in connection with their other duties, report a total of 1,168 killed during 1915. This number, while not large, means considerable to the stockmen grazing their herds on the forest ranges.

Poisonous plants killed 8,000 sheep, 2,500 cattle and 11 horses on the forests during the past year. Disease has a toll of 5,278 sheep, 655 cattle and 96 horses.

Summarized, the known losses of livestock on the forests during 1915, from the three listed causes, amounted to 53,790 sheep, 3,700 cattle and 120 horses, having a total value of \$534,000 on an approximate estimate. One-half of the total number of sheep lost from the various causes was reported from the forests in the state of Utah.

Every possible effort is being made to decrease these annual losses, which although very small in proportion to the total numbers grazed, still constitute a considerable item. With the several states, the forest service, Biological survey, other federal bureaus and various stockmen's organizations uniting this year to take vigorous steps against the predatory animals, the losses next season from this cause are sure to be much smaller.

TEMPERATURE REPORT

Highest temperature yesterday, 30; a year ago, 25. Lowest temperature last night, 27; a year ago, 14.

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APPLICATION NO. 3743

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WILL PRESENT THE CALIFORNIA VIEW

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION WILL RECEIVE EXHAUSTIVE BRIEF SOON

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17. — The California point of view as to the principles to be followed in the valuation of the railroads of the country will be presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission by Max Thelen, president of the California Railroad Commission who plans to leave tomorrow for Washington.

An exhaustive brief containing an analysis of the principles the California commission believes should be followed has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission before which Mr. Thelen will appear to hammer home the California commission's contentions.

Congress in 1913 passed the Federal Valuation act, directing the Interstate Commerce Commission to make a valuation of every railroad subject to its jurisdiction. The commission invited a discussion of the fundamental principles of valuation to be followed in that work. The railroads took advantage of this invitation and filed a brief laying down principles of valuation which, according to the California commission, would result in a very high value being placed on railroad property.

The California commission in its brief, holds that congress has not directed the Interstate Commerce Commission to make any ultimate finding of the value of the property of any common carrier, but to ascertain

and list all such property and to report the elements of value which have bearing on the question of ultimate value.

The course ordered by congress, the brief points out, is that followed by the California commission in its railroad valuations since March 23, 1912.

The brief draws attention specifically to the fact that the valuation act does not state any purpose for which a value is to be found; that a value for one purpose may not serve for another purpose and that in the absence of such direction the Interstate Commerce Commission can make no ultimate finding of value.

Thelen and six commissioners of various other states are members of the Physical valuation committee of the National Association of Railroad Commissioners.

PHONY CHECK ARTIST ARRESTED

A man by the name of Chris Nelson was arrested at Battle Mountain at the request of the officers here on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. Nelson is charged with procuring money under false pretense by passing a number of phony checks here. He was brought back here by Constable Hash of Battle Mountain.—Humboldt Star.

GEORGE E. DICKSON is paying a visit to Goldfield.

MINERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Andrew Sayre and two other miners were caught in a snowslide a few days ago while returning to the Silverado mine in the Sweetwater mountains. Upon reaching a narrow point in the canyon they were overwhelmed with an avalanche of snow, which carried them some distance down the canyon onto a flat, where the snow spread and the men were able to extricate themselves. Sayre suffered a broken shoulder blade and one of the miners had his jaw broken and head badly lacerated, while the other received numerous bruises.

SNOW SLIDES AT THE GOLDEN GATE MINE

Reports received from the Golden Gate mine in Antelope Valley, now under bond to a mining company who have a force of men at work, is that the snow is deeper than known for years before and that there have been a number of snow slides which have gone fitting down the canyon, past the works, but without doing any harm, says the Carson News. Several years ago a snow slide hit the boarding house, demolishing it, and carrying away a part of the mill.

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